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Title : Regarding revision of OTA of Operations and Maintenance Staff working in Atomic Reactor Plant at IGCAR, Kalpakkam, Tamil Nadu.

SHRI P. VISWANATHAN (KANCHEEPURAM): Mr. Deputy-Speaker, Sir, I thank you for giving me this opportunity to raise this important matter relating to Overtime Allowance payable to the Operations and Maintenance Staff working in the Atomic Reactor Power Plant at the Indira Gandhi Centre for Atomic Research, Kalpakkam, in my constituency of Kancheepuram.

These staff form the backbone of the operations and maintenance of the Reactor Plant, the Reprocessing Plant and other core activities of this Centre which are being manned on round the clock shift basis.

Continuous availability of manpower to monitor the critical plant activities is extremely crucial. An employee cannot leave his work place, even after his normal duty hour is over, until a reliever arrives to take over from him. If the reliever does not turn up for any reason, the existing person has to continue the shift and man the Plant. For the extra work performed, he is being paid Overtime Allowance at a rate that prevailed over fifteen years back - in 1995...(*Interruptions*)

I would, therefore, urge upon the Government to consider and resolve this 15-year-old pending matter and increase the Overtime Allowance accordingly.

The hon. Minister should intervene in this matter as soon as possible.